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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRINCE FAHD AND PARTY TO U.S.

REF: A. JIDDA 2549

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DEP FONMIN MAS'UD SAYS PRINCE FAHD WILL PROBABLY LEAVE FOR U.S. TRIP ON MAY 19. HE ASKS THAT HE BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH PROPOSED AGENDAS FOR WASHINGTON VISIT AND POSSIBLE TRAVELS IN U.S. THEREAFTER. CAN SUCH OUTLINES BE PROVIDED BY COB MAY 13? END SUMMARY

1. AMBASSADOR MET TODAY (MAY 12) WITH DEP FONMIN MAS'UD TO DISCUSS TRAVEL OF PRINCE FAHD AND PARTY TO U.S. MAS'UD SAID THAT IT IS SAUDI UNDERSTANDING THAT PRINCE NOW EXPECTED IN THE U.S. MAY 22 FOR OFFICIAL TALKS MAY 23 AND 24. (WE INFORMED HIM IT WOULD BE MAY 24 AND 25 PER REF B.) HE SAID THIS LEAVES LITTLE TIME FOR PREPARATION OF SCHEDULE AS PRINCE WOULD PROBABLY DEPART THE KINGDOM MAY 19.

2. AMBASSADOR PROMISED THAT TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR WASHINGTON MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE SOON. HE ENQUIRED WHETHER PRINCE FAHD PLANNING TO STAY AFTER WASHINGTON TALKS TO VISIT POINTS OF INTEREST IN THE U.S. SUCH AS DESALINATION PLANTS, ATOMIC ENERGY FACILITIES, SOLAR ENERGY EXPERIMENTS, ETC. MAS'UD

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REPLIED PRINCE FAHD HAD REMAINED TO TRAVEL IN THE U.S.

AFTER HIS 1969 VISIT, AND SAID HE EXPECTED HE WOULD WISH TO DO SO AGAIN. MAS'UD SAID HE WOULD QUICKLY GET AN ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION FROM PRINCE FAHD BUT IN MEANTIME REQUESTED WE PROVIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR WASHINGTON PORTION OF VISIT AS WELL AS SUGGESTIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT TRAVEL ELSEWHERE IN THE U.S. MAS'UD TALKED OF "A FEW DAYS TRAVEL" BUT BELIEVE WE SHOULD OFFER A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF AT LEAST TEN DAYS WITH ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE TO SUIT PRINCE'S INTERESTS. BELIEVE WE SHOULD OMIT PLACES (OTHER THAN NEW YORK) VISITED ON LAST TRIP. IF HE WISHES REVISIT ANY PLACE, HE WILL LET US KNOW.

3. MAS'UD ALSO ENQUIRED WHETHER PRINCE WOULD BE INVITED TO GIVE A SPEECH WHILE IN U.S. HE NOTED THAT FAHD HAD GIVEN PRESS CONFERENCE IN COURSE HIS 1969 VISIT AND THOUGHT HE WOULD WISH TO DO SO THIS TIME TOO. MAS'UD IMPLIED THAT PRINCE WOULD BE PLEASED GIVE A SPEECH IF INVITED BY PRESTIGIOUS GROUP. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONSIDER ELICITING AN INVITATION FOR PRINCE FAHD TO ADDRESS A PROMINENT ORGANIZATION. MAS'UD MENTIONED WASHINGTON PRESS CLUB, BUT BELIEVE ORGANIZATION OUTSIDE WASHINGTON WOULD BE EQUALLY SATISFACTORY. POSSIBILITIES MIGHT INCLUDE CHICAGO COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, OR NEW YORK BASED AMERICAN-ARAB ASSOCIATION FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (LATTER ORGANIZATION HAS ALEADY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN INVITING FAHD TO SPEAK).

4. ACTON REQUESTED: THAT WE BE PROVIDED BY COB MAY 13 WITH (A) PROPOSED AGENDA FOR WASHINGTON PORTION OF VISIT (B) AS DETAILED AS POSSIBLE SUGGESTED ITINERARY FOR TRAVEL IN U.S. AFTER WASHINGTON TALKS (C) SOME INDICATION WHETHER A PRESTIGIOUS U.S. GROUP WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO FAHD TO GIVE AN ADDRESS.
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